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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I would like to urge you to preserve some competition in the telephone industry by continuing to require that the incumbent carriers offer unbundled access to their legacy infrastructure. I have long utilized these carriers for my home telephone and network service. I appreciate the superior customer service provided by these carriers. AT&T in particular makes full use of their monopoly position to provide inferior service. I started about 19 years ago by using a DSL provider sharing the copper line with one of two AT&T phone lines. Previously I had used AT&T DSL. I was immediately pleased with the service. I still have this service today. I depend on this network service. AT&T snoops on their network service and places restrictions and surcharges based on bandwidth used. They use the customer data for marketing purposes in ways that give them an unfair advantage. I prefer the option of network service from an independent provider, which has become Megapath.

Secondly, I have another service provided by Sonic. I started with their DSL2+ service and was pleased with the network service in numerous ways. They are even better than Megapath. On this line I later moved my home phone line getting voice service from Sonic as well, sharing the same wire pair that provides the DSL2+. Here again the service is outstanding. They have voicemail features that are far superior to anything that AT&T offers, and the customer service is outstanding.

Please do preserve the requirement that carriers with the legacy advantage of all of the infrastructure built up over the years continue to wholesale unbundled access to competition. The competition benefits not only those using the alternative, but it also causes useful market forces on AT&T's behavior.

Thank you for your attention.

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